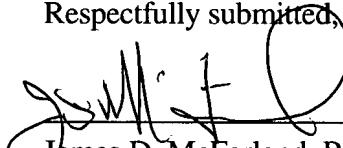


Conclusion

The Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action by rewriting the objected to claims, canceling certain claims, and making all other pending claims dependent upon the rewritten claims. Accordingly, applicant requests allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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